

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2227 - SB 2156

January 23, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates within the executive branch the Office of Solicitor General who shall be appointed by the governor for a term of four years. The provisions of the bill relieve the Attorney General and Reporter of all statutory duties, rights, and privileges except for reporting opinions of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Currently the Justices of the Supreme Court appoint the Attorney General and Reporter for a term of eight years.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$121,700

Estimate assumes that

- an additional salary will be required for the statutory Solicitor General since the Attorney General and Reporter position will remain at the same salary.
- the position in the Attorney General's office currently designated as Solicitor General will be transferred to the new Solicitor General's office and retained with a different title and responsibilities.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director